

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-10. (Withdrawn)

11. (Amended) A firearm comprising:

- a. a receiver;
- b. an action attached to the receiver; and
- c. an integral ~~lock~~ blocking means attached to the receiver for ~~interfering with blocking the path of travel of~~ a portion of the action when actuated, thereby preventing the firearm from being fired, wherein the ~~lock~~ blocking means can only be actuated when the action is in an a fully open position.

12. (Amended) The firearm of Claim 11 wherein the ~~lock~~ blocking means cannot be accessed and/or defeated internally to the extent the firearm can be operatively disassembled when the ~~lock~~ blocking means is actuated.

13. (Amended) A firearm comprising:

- a. a receiver;
- b. an action attached to the receiver; and
- c. an integral ~~locking- blocking~~ locking device attached to the receiver, wherein: the ~~locking~~ locking device can be actuated to ~~interfere with~~ block the path of travel of a portion of the action, thereby preventing the firearm from being fired; the ~~locking~~ locking device can only be actuated when the action is in ~~an a~~ a fully open position; and the ~~locking~~ locking device cannot be accessed and/or defeated internally to the extent the firearm can be operatively disassembled when the ~~locking~~ locking device is actuated.

14. (Amended) The firearm of Claim 13 wherein the ~~locking~~ locking device ~~interferes with~~ blocks the path of travel of at least one of the following portions of the firearm's action: an action bar; a bolt; an elevator; a bolt slide; and/or a modified action slide tube adapter.

15. (Amended) The firearm of Claim 13 wherein the ~~locking~~ locking device is a plunger lock comprising:

- a. a lock body attached to the receiver and having an axial bore;

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- b. a lock plunger disposed in the axial bore and having a helical guide groove;
- c. a guide pin attached to the lock body, said guide pin having an end that lies within the helical guide groove; and
- d. a lock key configured to engage an end of the plunger accessible from the exterior of the firearm; wherein when the lock key is used to rotate the plunger, the helical guide groove of the plunger is forced to track along the guide pin attached to the lock body, causing the plunger to extend or retract.

16-21. (Withdrawn)
